

January 2018 China, UK, North America

The *Bible Companion* readings for this Sunday include Matthew 23 and there is an MP3 file about this at <http://www.christadelphia.net/audio/mt23.mp3>

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Download the *NEV Bible* with commentary and *Bible Companion* bookmarks at <http://n-e-v.info/NEVBIBLE.pdf>

UK

Every year for the last several years we've placed a major advertisement for free *NEV Bibles* in the *Daily Mail*, the largest circulation newspaper in the UK, bought by around 1.4 million people every day- mainly from the working classes. We usually get response of between 500 and 1000 and most years there are baptisms as a result of this. And it's also a great witness- to get say 1000 Bibles on the shelves of ordinary British folks. We doubt our Bibles are thrown away; they remain as a witness, and have our commentary and a reduced *Bible Basics* bound up at the back of the Bible. Sooner or later, someone feels the need for God and His word and will pick up those Bibles and read them and then hopefully contact us.

You can see the advert at www.n-e-v.info/publicity/BibleAdUK.pdf

The cost of these adverts and the postage is significant, and we'd like to raise about UK £5000 towards it. Please do consider donating. Donors in the USA and UK can donate in a tax efficient way. Our PayPal address is tiybible@yahoo.com

Last Sunday in the UK we baptized a man on release from prison, and immersed him with his tracking tag still on his ankle:

Please do pray for him in his difficult situation. We have other contacts in prison, including two young women who share a cell together in a prison in Yorkshire. One of them became interested (Claire) and we sent her an *NEV Bible* and *Bible Basics* and then her cell mate Michelle likewise. If anyone in the area [preferably a sister] is interested in contacting and visiting them to teach them more, please let us know.

Claire wrote: "...I also received the most beautiful Bible. I am reading the Bible Study Notes and am doing my best to understand all the booklets... I am not a very fast reader or learner so I hope another week is OK before I send the answers to the questions in the booklets... I hope you enjoyed Christmas. I made the best out of the day. Hopefully this will be my first and last Christmas in prison. I hope to hear from you again soon as prison is lonely so having a letter from a good Christian person like yourself is a blessing so thank you. Would you send a stamped addressed envelope so I can return the answers to the questions in the booklet..." .

And here's Michelle's first letter:

CHINA

Pleased to report another baptism in China, of CHANG, who came to us, as many do, from searching online and finding the *Bible Basics* material online on his phone, and you can see him in the photo with the site bookmarked. Brother Donald reports his testimony after baptizing him in a sauna pool:



"My aunt was a Christian and always read Bible stories to me, she also spent lots of time preaching within China, unfortunately 15 years ago she become a missing person, she disappeared on the way to preach in southern part of China. Since then My family are strongly opposed to belief in Jesus and threw the Bible away. After graduation from School I went to another city and lived alone, I felt lonely in my spare time and started to search for Bible knowledge online. After the correspondence I decided to be baptized". Br Donald adds: "On the way to the sauna for the baptism.,Brother Chang hurt his ankles slipping as the roads are icy, please pray for him".

NORTH AMERICA

Some time ago we reported how Brother Jason studied our material and baptized himself. He's now a member of an ecclesia in Ohio and giving talks at the meetings. He is such an inspiration, working in a gas station and using his spare time to distribute Bibles and *Bible Basics* in the open air. He's been even more of an inspiration this week, offering the literature from a small portable table in the brutal sub-freezing temperatures:



Remember that there are many such street distributions of our literature going on worldwide. Please pray the seed reaches good ground.

We've also received news this week from one of our long term contacts CARLO who baptized himself, and we hope he too like Brother Jason will in due course integrate wider in the body of the Lord Jesus. We don't particularly advocate self-baptism apart from in extreme situations but when contacts do it due to bad experience with religion, or whatever, we are hard put to find any Biblical reason for declaring it to be invalid.

PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For the people receiving Bibles and *Bible Basics* material on the streets worldwide
- For the upcoming *Ukraine Bible School* this week
- For the journeys and ministry of brother David Corbin and his daughter, who will be travelling from New York USA to Kiev and Riga
- For our outreach to prisoners worldwide

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks